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Applicant : Ryo Ozawa

Appl. No. : 09/726,558

Filed : December 1, 2000

For : ELECTRONIC ENDOSCOPE SYSTEM



Group Art Unit: 3739

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification and claims, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims, as follows (a "marked up" copy of the amendments is attached):

*Sub B5* 1. (Amended-Clean Text) An electronic endoscope system including a scope having a solid-state image sensor provided at a distal end thereof to generate image-pixel signals, an image-signal processing unit that produces a video signal based on the image-pixel signals, and a monitor for reproducing and displaying an endoscope-image in accordance with the video signal output from said image-signal processing unit, said system

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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-captioned application.

\_\_\_ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously filed.

\_\_\_ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

X An Information Disclosure Statement and pending applications.

X No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Indep. Claims: 1	**3	0	x 40=	\$	x 80=	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			+135=	\$	+270=	\$0.00
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X Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, including any required extension of time fees in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission (37 CFR 1.136)(a)(3).

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